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Kentucky's State Veterans Cemeteries to Observe Veterans Day

Three State Veterans Cemeteries Will Honor All Veterans in Local Community Ceremonies

(RADCLIFF, KY; WILLIAMSTOWN, KY; and HOPKINSVILLE, KY, November 11, 2008) Please join your community in a memorial ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) honoring all veterans at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in your area. Three separate ceremonies are scheduled for your convenience: one at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (KVCC) in Radcliff, one at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (KVCN) in Williamstown, and one at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (KVCW) in Hopkinsville.

Candle lighting to honor veterans who have served in the past or who are still serving begins at 9 a.m. at KVCW and at 10 a.m. at KVCC and KVCN. Candles will be provided. The ceremonies will follow at 10 a.m. at KVCW and at 11 a.m. at KVCC and KVCN (Times are local: Eastern Time for KVCC in Radcliff and KVCN in Williamstown, and Central Time for KVCW in Hopkinsville). The ceremonies will proceed as scheduled even in inclement weather, since contingency plans are in place.

Events will begin at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Radcliff) at 9 a.m. with the Knights of Columbus presenting a flag for the main pole. The Radcliff Woman's Club will

dedicate a bench at 10 a.m. The main ceremony that begins at 11 a.m. will feature BG (Ret) Carl Black of the U.S. Air Force as the special guest speaker; colors posted by the VFW Post 1170 Honor Guard; invocation and benediction by Chaplain Major Fred Ehrman; and the National Anthem performed by Allen Duncan. The Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 113 will provide refreshments following the ceremony.

The ceremony at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown) will feature Congressman Geoff Davis, a former U.S. Army Ranger and Senior Parachutist, as the special guest speaker; Representative Royce W. Adams, a former SSG of the U.S. Army, also as a guest speaker; colors posted by the Grant County Veterans Honor Guard; and invocation and benediction LTC James G. Simpson, U.S. Army. Blue Star Mothers of America, Kentucky Chapters 5 and 2 will provide refreshments following the ceremony.

The ceremony at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville) will feature CPT (Ret) Charles Edward Stewart, Jr., of the U.S. Navy, as the special guest speaker; colors posted by the Pennyriple Honor Guard; and invocation and benediction by Paul Barnes, VFW Post 1913 Chaplain. Lunch will be provided at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1913 following the ceremony.

At the ceremony, attendees can view profiles of veterans interred in each cemetery, including service information, photos, and personal accomplishments.

Each cemetery serves veterans mostly from a 75-mile radius. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (KVCC) also serves parts of Indiana and serves as the Active Duty cemetery for soldiers and their dependents serving at nearby Fort Knox. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (KVCN) also serves parts of Indiana and Ohio. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (KVCW) also serves parts of Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, and also serves as the Active Duty cemetery for soldiers and their dependents serving at nearby Fort Campbell. The cemetery is the final resting place for ten active duty soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war in Iraq.

Services provided at all cemeteries include a furnished grave or columbarium space, an optional grave liner, opening and closing of gravesites, supply and installation of suitable headstones or markers, and perpetual care for the entire facility. These services are provided at no cost to veterans as a benefit that is well earned. Since burials began on March 1, 2004, more

than 950 veterans and their eligible dependents have been interred at KVCW; more than 600 at KVCC since opening on June 1, 2007, and more than 35 at KVCN since opening on August 22, 2008.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West is located just south of Hopkinsville at 5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard (US Highway 41A) at mile marker 11. You may call the KVCW cemetery directly at (270) 889-6106. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North is located at 205 Eibeck Lane off I-75 at mile marker 154. You may call the KVCN cemetery directly at (859) 823-0720. Veterans Cemetery Central is located on Highway 31W south of the Chaffee Main Gate (Bullion Blvd). You may call the KVCC cemetery directly at (270) 351-5115.